



Gladwin County Board of Commissioners

Board Minutes, May 24, 2022

Kyle Grove, District 1, (Sherman, Butman, Clement, Gladwin Twp.)
Ron Taylor, District 2, Vice-Chairperson (Sage and Gladwin City)
Michael Szuch District 3, (Bentley, Billings, Bourret, Grim & Secord)
Karen Moore, District 4, Chairperson (Buckeye, Hay & Tobacco)
Rick Grove, District 5, (Grout, Beaverton City, Beaverton)

The Gladwin County Board of Commissioners met for a regular Board Meeting, on May 24, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Karen Moore. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, roll was called, all Commissioners were present.

Public Comment (Agenda Items)

- Hue Woodrow addressed the Board regarding his protest to the SAD (Special Assessment District). He shared his views on how assessments were being calculated and questioned where those funds will be spent.
- Kelly Bax, Coleman MI, addressed the Board with her questions regarding Four Lakes Task Force (FLTF), an operational SAD, and who those funds would be paid to. Ms. Bax also shared her concerns with Hearing Notices issued by FLTF.
- Tony Bax, Coleman MI, addressed the Board to share his view on how the Board of Commissioners meetings are ran, and Commissioner Moore's status on the FLTF Board.
- Terrence Hall, Edenville Township, addressed the Board regarding his support of hiring a full-time staff at Veterans Affairs, and shared his support of FLTF. He gave thanks to both counties for working collaboratively.
- Chuck Sorenson, Secord Lake, reported the 7th informational meeting of Restore the Lakes will be held at 2:00 on (Sunday May 29th) at the Secord Eagles Club. Three additional townships have reached out to hear from Restore the Lakes.
- Karen Price, Molasses River, shared her questions in regard to Spicer and the bottom lands. She asked that the Commissioners and Restore the Lakes do their due diligence and verify what Spicer is doing.
- Joel Vernier, Secord Township, shared his support for FLTF, and the reasoning for the timeline in which they are working.

City Administrator's Report

Nancy Bodner, City of Gladwin, shared with the Board that all of the campsites at city park are full for this weekend, bikes are now available to rent. The City is working on their budget as they prepare for a new fiscal year; they are waiting on consumers to disconnect power to move forward on taking down the community building, and the Silverleaf project is out for bids.

Commissioner Grove spoke for the Beaverton City Manager sharing her apologies for her absence.

Consent Agenda

The Board reviewed the consent agenda. Additions of a request to approve a resolution regarding House Bills pertaining to Zillow under New Business #3, Clerk's Office Training were noted for Finance #13, and the Administrator's request to authorize payment to CherryLan for upgrades to the software under Finance #14. Motion made by Commissioner Taylor to accept the agenda with the additions, seconded by Commissioner Szuch; 4 yes, Commissioner R. Grove opposed, motion carried.

Cash balances were read by Commissioner Taylor. General Fund balance \$38,872.19 before the payment of bills.

Review/request approval of the Board Minutes:

1. **May 10, 2022, Regular Board Meeting**
2. **May 18, 2022, Special Board Meeting (ARPA Presentations)**

Communications

Finance

1. Request for Approval of Hiring Veteran's Affairs Staff
Veterans Affairs Director, Ken Roberts, shared some information on veteran's outreach; they are currently serving 641 veterans in Gladwin County. He is asking to replace the grant funded part time staff with a grant funded full time accredited officer. This would open more time to provide services through Veterans Affairs.
Motion by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner R. Grove to approve Ken Roberts to hire a full time, grant funded, accredited officer at Veterans Affairs. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Request for Approval of Additional Appropriation to the Court's Payroll Expenses.
Court Administrator, Annette Howe, addressed the Board requesting a budget amendment on behalf of Judge Klaus, to the court's payroll expense budget. Ms. Howe shared the details of the oversight by the previous Court Administrator, and the responsibilities of the staff affected. Discussion was had on wages, fringe benefits, and the end of year deficit if no action is taken. Input was given by Attorney Hoerauf on the relationship between the Board and the Courts. Further conversation will be had regarding the budget request, no motion to be made.
3. Request Approval of Payout to Custodian Mike Hudson
Motion by Commissioner Taylor, Seconded by Commissioner K. Grove to pay 157 hours of unused vacation to Mike Hudson, per Union contract in the amount of \$3,077.20 payable from line 101-265-704.000. All in favor, motion carried.
4. Request Approval for Dispatcher Jason Wendling to Attend Success Communications Trainings
Motion by Commissioner Taylor, Seconded by Commissioner Szuch, to approve Jason Wendling to attend the following trainings
 - a. A Dispatchers Life-How to Build Support from Family and Friends (\$315.00)
 - b. Child Callers (\$315.00)
 - c. Burnout-How to Survive (\$315.00)Total cost of \$945.00, to be paid from Line 282-000-804.001. All in favor, motion carried.
5. Request for Approval for the Board Chair to Sign Equalization Form L-4029 for Gladwin County
This is a biannual process; conversation was had on the explanation of the Headley Rollback. Motion by Commissioner R. Grove, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to approve the Chairperson to sign form L-4029 for Equalization. All in favor, motion carried.
6. Request approval for Council on Aging Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget
Council on Aging (COA) Financial Director, Bonnie Klein, presented the proposed budget to the Board, they are requesting a payout of \$779,087 from their Senior Millage dollars to cover operational expenses. This is an increase to their budget and would collect the majority of the approved millage dollars. They are hope full this will cover the year.
Motion by Commissioner K. Grove, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to approve COA 2022/2023 Budget. All in favor, motion carried.

7. Request Chair Signature of Blue Cross/Blue Shield (BCBS) Group Coverage Plan for Gladwin County Inmates
Administrative Assistant, Melanie Thume explained this is a renewal with no changes.
Motion by Commissioner R. Grove, seconded by Commissioner Szuch to approve the Chair to sign the BCBS Group Coverage Plan. All in favor, motion carried.
8. Request for approval for Construction Codes Department to refund \$40 to Adams Electric --
Motion by Commissioner Taylor, Seconded by Commissioner Szuch to approve Construction codes refund Adams Electric \$40 for partial reimbursement of electrical permit that was not executed, from line item 101-000-478.000. All in favor, motion carried.
9. Request approval of 2022 Marine Patrol Wages
Sheriff, Mile Shea stated the document had been emailed listing the names and wages, asking approval as presented in the document.
Motion by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner R. Grove to approve the names presented be paid the requested wage from the 2022 Marine Patrol Grant. All in favor, motion carried.
10. Request approval for the formation of a Jail Discovery Committee
Administrative Assistant, Melanie Thume shared the purpose of the committee and names of the individuals to serve on the committee.
Motion by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner K. Grove to approve the County Administrator to convene a Jail Discovery Committee. Additional conversation was had on the condition of the jail and the need for updates. All in favor, motion carried.
11. Request for approval of the Drain Commissioner's Special Assessment Roll for the Pratt Lake Project
Drain Commissioner, Terry Walters, Deputy Drain Commissioner Lucy Zeestraten and Attorney Kyle Omara from Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes, shared information on the Pratt Lake Assessment project, hearing was held at the County Recreation building on May 14th, current assessment is \$123,500.
Motion by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner K. Grove to approve a resolution approving the Drain Commissioner's Special Assessment Roll for the Pratt Lake. Roll Call vote, 5 -Y, 0-N, all in favor, resolution approved.
12. Request approval for FOC Caseworker Christina Stickler regarding Vacation Time
Motion by Commissioner Taylor to approve Christina Stickler to receive a payout for 35 hours of vacation time from line 101-141-705.000, per union contract. Amended to include the carryover of an additional 35 hours of vacation time. Seconded by Commissioner K. Grove; all in favor, motion carried.
13. Request for approval for Clerk Hulme and Chief Deputy Clerk Jackson to attend the 114th Annual Summer Conference of the MACC in Acme MI, August 28th – 31st at the Grand Travers Resort.
Motion by Commissioner Taylor to approve training request in the amount of \$700; \$350 from line 101-215-860.000 Clerks Training, \$350 from line 263-000-860.000 CPL Training. Seconded by Commissioner K. Grove, all in favor, motion carried.

14. Cherry Lan Bill Payment

Motion by Commissioner K. Grove to approve the payment of Cherry Lan for software upgrade in the amount of \$2,740 from 101-258-815.006, Computer Software Support. Seconded by Commissioner Szuch. All in favor, motion carried.

Committee Meetings/Reports

Miscellaneous

New Business

1. Request approval for reappointment of Lisa Ashley to a three-year term to the MSHN. Motion by Commissioner Taylor to reappoint Lisa Ashley to the MSHN Substance Use Disorder Oversight Policy Board for the term from 9/1/2022 thru 8/31/2025. Seconded by Commissioner Kyle Grove, all in favor, motion carried.
2. FLTF Update – President / Chairperson of Four Lakes Task Force, David Kepler
Mr. Kepler addressed the Board to share some updates: the anticipated \$200,000,000 State Grant has been approved, along with funding of \$3,000,000 allocated for the EGLE fund for stabilization of the dam and shorelines. Mr. Kepler explained the cash flow process as increments of \$8,000,000 to draw from, for paying expenses and will be revolving. Discussion was had on dam design for preventing future failures. FLTF has gone through the Independent Forensic Report in detail and will be issuing their summary to EGLE and online soon. FLTF is finishing up stabilization in Edenville and are looking to pull ahead on Secord and Smallwood this year. A Four Lakes SAD has been established, project estimates were given at \$250,000,000 to include operational plans and project costs. FLTF has had four Day of reviews, sent out surveys earlier this year, and a county webinar will be held in June presented by EGLE; the date is still to be determined. Discussion was had on the differences in an operational assessment vs. a capitol assessment, the potential of future operational assessments and their perceived need, and anticipated costs for a ten-year maintenance budget. Commissioners Taylor and R. Grove asked for clarification in various areas. Additional conversation was had on failures of the old dam functions, community involvement in this process and continued increase in communication from FLTF. Don Zacket joined Mr. Kepler to clarify that an anticipated assessment of \$7000 was over 30 years.
3. Request to adopt a resolution opposing House Bills pertaining to Zillow
Register of Deeds, Ann Manning shared some information on proposed legislation by Zillow that will create a profit for themselves by having free/reduced rate access to public records and charging residents to provide them, putting the county at risk.
Commissioner K. Grove proposed the approval of a resolution opposing House Bills pertaining to Zillow, seconded by Commissioner Taylor. Roll call vote, 5 Y, 0-N, all in favor -resolution approved.

Chair Comments

Board Comments

Commissioner Kyle Grove, District 1:

- On vacation a couple of weeks ago and didn't make all of the meetings.
- Residents in Sherman are voicing concerns over Gypsy Moth Spraying

Commissioner Ron Taylor, District 2:

- Gave thanks to Mike Write for his service as chairmen of the Wiggins Lake Authority Board, and his hard work toward the Chapple Dam repairs.
- 11th Sage Township was short
- 12th at 8:30 was the Airport Meeting, they are working on the lighting project still. Looking for FAA grants for LED lighting, this project should cut the cost of running the airport in half.
- 16th Gladwin City Meeting
- 17th Veterans Meeting – Fundraising has started for the new VA Memorial
- 17th Pratt & Wiggins Lake Authority meetings
- 14th Pratt Lake project, Hearing at Community Recreation building had about 200 people in attendance.
- 18th was the ARPA Project Request reviews

Commissioner Michael Szuch, District 3:

- Attended five (5) township meetings in May, had a Personnel Committee zoom

Commissioner Karen Moore, District 4:

- MAC is back to doing tours. We went out to Camp Grayling, 23 county commissioners attended
- Emergency Manager, Bob North held a Disaster Recognition presentation.
- There will be a rodeo at the fairgrounds this weekend.
- ARPA meetings, we have had three of our four meetings so far.
- EDC is having conversations on Broadband.
- CMHCM still at two candidates for the Director position
- Hazardous Waste Day had roughly 150 people come through.

Commissioner Rick Grove, District 5:

- Grout does not have much going on
- Didn't attend the land bank meeting but did touch base with Christy on the ETC projects.
- ARPA meetings on the 18th
- Rick Ghent and Commissioner Grove met with Mr. Inchco for clarification of the bid on the window well project, and it has been awarded.

Administration Report

Public Comments

- Hue Woodrow, Hay Township, shared his views on the methodology used to assess homeowners in the Four Lakes Special Assessment District.
- Kelly Bax, Tobacco River, shared her views on Kimberly Hines statement at the last meeting, regarding the Beaverton dam emergency, her thoughts on a lack of two thirds of the people asking for a special assessment, and the Independent Forensics Report.
- Karen Price, Molasses River shared some thoughts on the FLTF project, and the operating costs presented during the presentation by Dave Kepler. She again challenges the Board to verify the accuracy of the bottomlands and the special assessment.
- Rita Lewis, Secord Lake, gave thanks to FLTF and the commissioners for their work on repairing the dams. She shared her views on the personal investment she and other residents have made in the purchase of their lake properties.
- John Hart, Smallwood Lake Homeowners Association, gave thanks to the Board and FLTF.

- Ken Roberts shared that Monday, Memorial Day, will be a parade at 10:30a.m., followed by a service. 1:00 p.m. parade in Beaverton, followed by a service. The Veterans Memorial project has fundraisers going on, tickets are available for a raffle, please come out and support these events.
- Joel Vernier, Secord Township, shared his perspective on views over a SAD, and how we can not leave the dams and lakes as they are, even that would
- Terrence Hall, commented on the cost of his regularly monthly expenses in perspective to an assessment and that he will pay to have his lake back.

No other public comment.

Legal – Civil Attorney

1. Gladwin County vs. Brian Page

We have a zoning enforcement action going on in Circuit Court and Attorney Hoerauf will be asking the County to create a compliance policy,

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner R. Grove. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

Karrie Hulme, County Clerk

Karen Moore, Chairperson